

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004. The rejected claims have been canceled, leaving only allowed claims 17 and 19-32. Thus, the instant application is now in condition for allowance given the Examiner's allowance of claims 17 and 19-32.

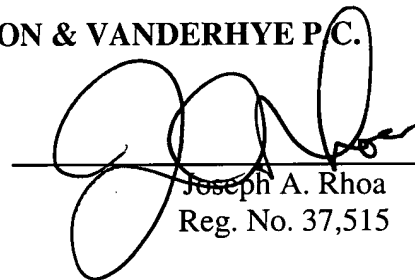
The Interview Summary attached to the Office Action accurately reflects the substance of the interview.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: _____



Joseph A. Rhoa
Reg. No. 37,515

JAR:caj
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100